

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application and stand restricted by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows.

- Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a polymer blend.
- Group II: Claims 8-22, 26 and 27, drawn to an article of manufacture.
- Group III: Claims 23-25, drawn to a method of making a polymer blend.

In response thereto, Applicants hereby elect claims for prosecution in the present application, with traverse. Applicants have cancelled claims 8-22, 26 and 27, without prejudice.

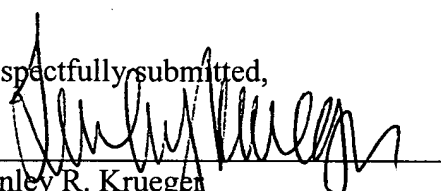
The Office Action states that the blend can be made by another and materially different process, such as reactors in series. Group I recites a blend comprising an ethylene-propylene random copolymer and a modifier. Group III recites blending an ethylene-propylene random copolymer with a modifier. The claimed process of independent claims 1 and 23 is blending. Further, the Office Action does not state why such claims produce an extra burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of Group I from Group III and respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction.

The Office Action also states that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species as follows.

1. A metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer, claim 5.
2. A metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer, claim 6.
3. A syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer, claim 7.

Applicants elect Species 1 if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

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